

ORDER NO. 4071

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS)—
Non-Published Rates 9 (MC2016-46)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-61

ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION FOUR TO GLOBAL EXPEDITED PACKAGE
SERVICES (GEPS)—NON-PUBLISHED RATES 9 NEGOTIATED SERVICE
AGREEMENT AND DENYING AS MOOT MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued August 28, 2017)

The negotiated service agreement with serial number ending 0051 approved in
this proceeding (Agreement) is set to expire August 31, 2017.¹ The Postal Service

¹ Order No. 4013, Order Approving Modification Three to Agreement and Denying as Moot Motion for Temporary Relief, July 25, 2017 at 2. See also Docket Nos. MC2016-46 and CP2016-61, Request of the USPS to Add Global Expedited Package Services - Non-Published Rates 9 (GEPS - NPR 9) to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing GEPS - NPR 9 Model Contract and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, December 18, 2015, Attachment 4 at 4 (model contract stating that if the effective date is the first of the month, the Agreement shall remain in effect for one calendar year, otherwise the Agreement shall remain in effect on the last day of the month one year after the effective date); Customer Contract Filing Notice for Global Expedited Package Service – Non-Published Rates 9 Serial Numbers Ending: 0049, 0051, 0052 and 0055, May 25, 2016 (stating effective date of May 15, 2016, thus implying an expiration date of May 30, 2017); Order No. 3914, Order Approving Modification One to Agreement and Denying as Moot Motion for Temporary Relief, May 23, 2017, at 2 (extending expiration date to June 30, 2017); Order No. 3979, Order Approving Modification Two to Agreement and Denying as Moot Motion for Temporary Relief, June 26, 2017, at 2 (extending expiration date to July 31, 2017).

seeks to extend the Agreement pursuant to Modification Four executed by the Postal Service and its contract partner.² Modification Four extends the expiration date of the Agreement until September 30, 2017. Motion at 2.

The Postal Service states that it intends to negotiate a successor to the Agreement that is the subject of this docket. *Id.* For this reason, the Postal Service requests an extension to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the agreement. *Id.*

The Commission finds that the extension will not affect the Agreement's ability to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a). Extending the Agreement is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person. Consequently, the Commission approves Modification Four. The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through September 30, 2017. Accordingly, the Motion for Temporary Relief is denied as moot.

It is ordered:

1. The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through September 30, 2017.
2. The Postal Service's Motion for Temporary Relief is denied as moot.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Four to Global Expedited Package Services – Non-Published Rates 9 Customer Contract with Serial Number Ending: 0051, August 25, 2017 (Motion). The modification is attached to the Motion as Attachment 1 (Modification Four).